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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Senior Mission Commander (SMC) Policy Letter 1-6, Control of Alcohol Use

1. Reference. UR 600-702
2. Purpose. To establish a policy on consumption of alcohol on and in the Baumholder Military Community.
3. Applicability. Applies to all Soldiers, DOD civilians, and family members within the Baumholder Military Community.
4. Punitive Nature. Violators of this policy may be punished under the UCMJ and/or appropriate administrative regulations.
5. Policy.
 - a. The use of alcohol, while socially and legally acceptable under many circumstances, is not acceptable in those instances in which it endangers the user, adversely affects those around the user, or impairs unit readiness. Excessive use of alcohol has caused, or has been directly related to loss of lives, family trauma involving spouse or child abuse, severe injuries, and unnecessary property damage.
 - b. Commanders will direct their personnel (Soldiers and Airmen) in a "present for duty status" not to consume alcoholic beverages during duty hours, including meals and break periods. Military personnel will not report for duty with a blood-alcohol level of .05 or above. Normal duty hours in garrison is 0630-1700, to include PT, Monday through Friday. Alcoholic beverages will not be taken on or consumed during field training exercises.
6. Procedures.
 - a. Each commander is responsible for conducting an education awareness program one time per quarter. Command leadership will promote responsible attitudes by those who do drink and acceptance of those who do not drink. As part of the continuing program to deglamorize alcohol and discourage alcohol abuse, publicity that promotes excessive use is prohibited.

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During social functions or celebrations (during or outside the duty day) excessive use of alcohol will not be promoted, and non-alcoholic beverages will be conveniently available.

b. Soldiers and airmen will not drink alcoholic beverages on public streets on or off-post. Nor will Soldiers or airmen drink any type of alcoholic beverage off-post while in uniform. The impression to the public created by such conduct is not favorable to this community. Such conduct can lead to arrest and prosecution by the German and US military authorities. Exceptions to drinking off-post while in uniform include: while inside privately leased or Government Housing Rental Project (GHRP) quarters, or while participating in an official military or liaison capacity during a sponsored German-American social event.

c. Persons will not drink alcoholic beverages, or hold open containers of alcoholic beverages in their hand, out of doors within the civilian communities or kasernes. Soldiers, airmen, and civilians are authorized the open consumption of alcoholic beverages:

(1) Immediately outside the vicinity of quarters to include troop billets (i.e., quarters balconies, patios, and barbecue areas).

(2) At functions or gatherings for which a commander or supervisor has authorized the consumption of alcoholic beverages, or in places where alcoholic beverages are lawfully served for consumption.

(3) At Iron Soldier Park on Smith Barracks, the Rolling Hills Campground located in Wetzel, the picnic area between the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters and Field Grade Officer Quarters on Neubruecke and the picnic area on Strassburg Kaserne behind Rudy's All Ranks Club, by individuals and small groups engaged in picnics and other acceptable outdoor social activities.

(4) At officially sponsored and supervised sporting events/activities on a military installation while in the immediate vicinity of that activity. Department of Defense Dependent School and Youth Activities events are not included in this exception.

(5) At organized parties within unit areas or other areas designated for this purpose (Beergardens & Beer Fests). If alcohol is served at unit parties, so must food and nonalcoholic beverages.

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(6) Commanders and supervisors will ensure appropriate action is taken to preclude over-indulgence of alcoholic beverages and ensure transportation to and from such events for those who do consume alcoholic beverages.

7. Proponent for this policy is the US Army Garrison Baumholder Adjutant's Office, at DSN 485-6080.



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